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C-SPAN viewer call-in with Sen. Slade Gorton (R-WA), July 23, 1985
and a follow-up clip from the Senate Budget Conference Committee meeting,
July 25 with Sen. Pete Domenici (R-NM)

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program

VIEWER: "... when Mr. Domenici got so excited... you know... he was just
(from Seattle, wild before you all got up. You should tell him, he's probably your
WA) buddy I imagine -- tell him... to negotiate! he'll never get any place.
He looked like a wild man! You should look at the tape, just before you
go through with the meeting. What is an intelligent, good-looking and
nice man like that, getting so wild?"

SEN. GORTON: "Let me try to answer that question for you. Sen. Domenici may
well be my closest friend of all the senators. Certainly is one of the
tiny handfull I admire. He's been in the Senate now for little more
than 12 years. Five years he's had the burden of being the chairman
of the Senate Budget Committee, which means he's been in charge of
bringing in some kind of order a trillion dollars worth of spending
on thousands of different spending programs, 800 billion dollars worth of
taxes of all kinds. And that poor man bears practically the entire
burden of the world on his shoulders."

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SEN. DOMENICI: "Chairman Gray (D-PA), may I just make one observation. One of my
Senate conferees was on a question-and-answer talk show that I didn't get
a chance to see, and I understand that a questioner, a lady... she
inquired if he knew me. She suggested that if he was my friend, he
should tell me that she watched C-SPAN and that normally I did a very
good job, but that she was rather concerned about me when I got so angry.
And that six or seven days ago, for whatever reason, I apparently
exhibited that, not so much with words, but with my expressions. I
just hope everyone understands I don't like to do that, and I don't
know why it happened, other than that I feel strongly about what I'm
trying to do to the extent that that may have adversely influenced anyone
around here, I apologize."

REP. GRAY: "Let me just say to the distinguished chairman of the Senate Budget
Committee, I didn't know he was angry."

SEN. DOMENICI: "Good."

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